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SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL FROM UGANDA

1. SPOKESMAN RESPONDED TO PRESS QUERIES NOVEMBER 8 WITH
THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

2. TODAY WE INFORMED THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA THAT WE ARE
WITHDRAWING ALL US DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES
IN KAMPALA. THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN AS A RESULT OF AN
ACCUMULATION OF ACTIONS BY THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT WHICH
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HAVE CREATED CONDITIONS MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR U.S. PER-

SONNEL IN KAMPALA TO CONDUCT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS EFFECTIVELY IN UGANDA.

THESE ACTIONS HAVE INCLUDED PUBLIC THREATS BY TOP UGANDAN OFFICIALS AGAINST OUR DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES; REPEATED UNFOUNDED ACCUSATIONS BY HIGH UGANDAN OFFICIALS; AND THE PRECIPITOUS AND UNJUSTIFIED EXPULSIONS FROM UGANDA OF THE EMBASSY'S MARINE SECURITY GUARDS, WHO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE EMBASSY.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF OUR PERSONNEL DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A SEVERANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THAT THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT MAY CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. THE

DEPARTMENT REGRETS THE CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING THE WITHDRAWAL OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES FROM UGANDA AND LOOKS FORWARD TO THE TIME WHEN THEY MAY USEFULLY RETURN. IN THE MEAN TIME, WE HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA ON ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN THROUGH ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THROUGH THE EMBASSY OF A PROTECTING POWER IN KAMPALA DURING THE ABSENCE OF U.S. DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES THERE.

3. DURING Q. & A. SPOKESMAN SAID DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY RE PROTECTING POWER AND ANNOUNCEMENT IS EXPECTED SOON. OTHER QUESTIONS DEALT WITH PHASE OUT OF AID PROGRAM, STATUS KEELEY FAMILY, NUMBER OF AMERICANS IN UGANDA, AND KEELEY DEPARTURE DATE. RUSH

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